

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Commission,) Docket No. 911-011/PI-79
on its own motion, seeking to)
establish Phase II enhanced) ORDER REQUESTING AMENDED
wireless 911 service) OFFERINGS AND PRICING FROM
implementation.) VENDORS OF CHOICE
)
) Entered: August 29, 2006

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N A N D F I N D I N G S

The Enhanced Wireless 911 Services Act provides in part, "The Commission shall have any powers necessary to carry out the intent and purposes of the act." ¹ Furthermore, "The Commission shall determine the most efficient method for providing enhanced wireless 911 service."²

On May 21, 2004, the Commission issued Request for Proposal (RFP) No. 911-II-04 to vendors in an effort to coordinate the purchase of Phase II equipment and services for all public safety answering points (PSAPs) that have implemented Phase I and require these resources. On August 31, 2004, the Commission issued an order designating the following vendors as "Vendors of Choice" for the purposes of providing equipment and services to PSAPs in the implementation of enhanced wireless 911 service:

Alltel/Plant
Contact One
GeoComm
GIS Workshop
Platte Valley/TCI/GeoComm
Qwest/Positron

Subsequently, workshops were held to allow each Vendor of Choice to meet with PSAP representatives to discuss the specific needs of the PSAPs for Phase II implementation. PSAPs submitted a Statement of Intent at the close of the workshops designating the Vendors of Choice they intend to use for implementation of Phase II.

Due to legislative action which led to the passage of LB 1222 [2006], funding for new Phase I and all Phase II implementations was put on hold. Vendors of Choice have since agreed to extend the prices offered in their responses to the RFP for varying periods of time. However, it has come to the

¹ Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-465(3).

² Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-464.

Commission's attention that since these vendors originally responded to the RFP, new offerings may have become available which could assist in the efficient implementation of enhanced wireless 911 service.

Therefore, the Commission finds that any Vendor of Choice wishing to update its equipment offerings and services may submit to the Commission at any time information regarding any offerings not available at the time of their original response to the RFP. The information provided must include pricing and demonstrate that the new service and/or equipment meets or exceeds the specifications set forth in the RFP. Upon Commission approval, the new offerings will be eligible for funding under RFP No. 911-II-04, consistent with Commission rules and regulations, orders and applicable statutes.

Should a vendor not previously chosen as a Vendor of Choice wish to submit new equipment and service offerings for consideration, they may also do so. However, no submission of offerings available at the time of the initial response to the RFP or previously rejected pursuant to the RFP will be considered by the Commission.

Should a PSAP wish to utilize a vendor other than the Vendors of Choice, it must receive approval from the Commission prior to the execution of any contract with the proposed vendor in order to receive reimbursement from the Fund.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that any Vendor of Choice wishing to update its equipment offerings and services may submit to the Commission for approval information regarding any offerings not available at the time of their original response to the RFP consistent with this order and RFP No. 911-II-04.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any vendor who previously responded to RFP No. 911-II-04 but was not chosen as a Vendor of Choice and wishes to submit new equipment and service offerings for consideration may do so consistent with this order and the terms of the RFP.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 29th day of August, 2006.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director